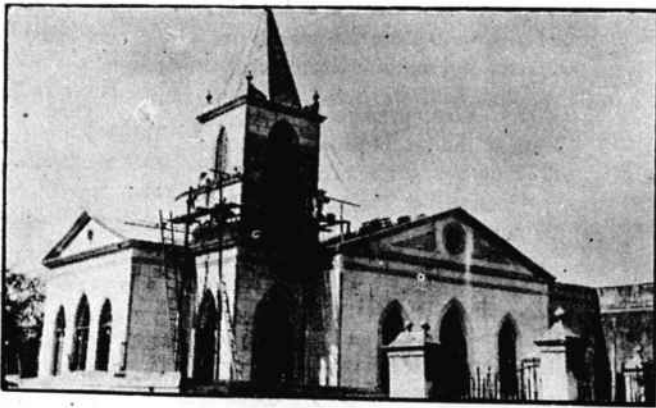


and is a model of architectural beauty. It is nearing completion. The congregation contributes about \$100 per month to the support of the Gospel, and to the erection of the new church. They lack about \$2,000 of having enough to complete the building. It will be necessary to mortgage the property for this amount, and pay interest at 12 per cent, if some friend in the States does not give, within the next few days, the \$2,000 needed. Meetings for prayer are being held in Cardenas that some of those whom the Lord has blessed with means here in the home-land, will make this generous contribution. Shall this church be mortgaged, or will some one come forward at this time of need and give the necessary amount, that the church may be finished and dedicated? Six hundred dollars is needed with which to purchase seats for the church. Perhaps some friend would like to give this also. Such a gift would bring great joy to this faithful congregation.



The Church at Cardenas.

In Cardenas we visited our mission school. There are about 150 boys and girls enrolled. Five of the young men who have attended this school are now at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., preparing themselves for their life work. Five other young men of nearby communities are also at Westminster. School property should be purchased at once. We can secure half a block of land, desirably located, and enclosed within a massive stone wall. There is a large building on the lot; and though inconvenient, with a little expenditure it could be made a comfortable building for school purposes. Ten thousand dollars will secure the entire property. The lot will increase in value, and is a safe investment for one of the Lord's business men.

If we will give the brethren in Cardenas the equipment, they will do the work, and give to hundreds the Word of Life, and train them for service in the kingdom of God.

Leaving Cardenas about noon, March 4, we were in Remedios that evening about seven o'clock. We went to the home of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Hall. The evening prayer meeting was in progress on our arrival in Remedios. They have no church building. We found the congregation of over fifty members worshipping in a rented room in a residence. One of the elders of the church was leading the meeting. The missionaries are wisely training the officers of the church to lead in prayer, and to conduct Gospel services under their direction. At one of the mission sta-

tions we were told that the elders had only one fear in securing a minister for the church, and that was that they would lose the opportunity of conducting the services, which they so much enjoyed. We wonder how many of the elders in the church at home would be disappointed if they should lose the privilege of conducting Gospel services in the absence of a pastor?

Remedios is an old city, founded about 1511 A. D. It has two Catholic churches. The majority of the people, however, are hungering for the Bread of Life, and ours is the only Protestant church that has entered Remedios to preach the Gospel. We should buy a lot and build a church at once. The entire property will cost at least \$6,000, gold. For \$2,000 a comfortable home could be secured for Mr. and Mrs. Hall. They are now living in a rented building, for which they pay \$25 per month. Some business man, by purchasing this home, would save the Executive Committee \$300 a year, and would give stability and encouragement to our work in Remedios.

Caibarien is about five miles distant from Remedios. Miss Edith Houston is our only missionary at this station, since Miss Janet Houston returned to the States by reason of broken health. As we went with Miss Houston from home to home we were impressed with the importance of this work of visitation. She brought a word of comfort to those who were in the house of mourning, and here and there gave a word of cheer or admonition, or a message from the Word of Life. Caibarien is a city beautiful for situation. We need here also at least \$8,000 to purchase a lot and erect a church building. Property is increasing in value, and it would be a great saving if we could buy now. Miss Houston lives in a rented house. Twenty-five hundred dollars would buy a home, which would be a great saving of our missionary funds. An evangelist is needed in Caibarien. We trust that some one of our volunteers will hear the call that comes from this beautiful city by the sea, and give his life to this church that now has about sixty members, and will speedily grow into a large congregation, if some man will consecrate himself to this work.

We left Caibarien Saturday morning, March 6. Within a few hours we reached Placetas, where we visited Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Beatty and Mrs. J. G. Hall. Placetas is situated at an altitude of about eight hundred feet above sea level. The climate is delightful. It is a city of about five thousand inhabitants. It is surrounded by rolling prairies and fields of sugar cane. In the distance the great mountains stand out against a sky of blue, presenting a panorama of grandeur and beauty.

We found one of the most attractive openings in Placetas for preaching the Gospel we have ever seen. Practically the whole city is open to the reception of the Gospel. There is only one little Catholic church building, and you would scarcely notice it were it not for the rough wooden cross that stands above it. The old priest in charge has lived in this place for nearly twenty-nine years. He has failed to reach the people, and has not drawn them either to the church or to the Savior. He owns the only cemetery for burying the dead of Placetas. His charges for burial are exorbitant. As